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> Request for Conference, Unilateral Administrative Order For Remedial Re:

Investigation/Feasibility Study, CERCLA Docket No. 06-05-05--Gulfco Marine

Maintenance Superfund Site in Freeport Texas (the "Site")

Dear Ms. Nann and Mr. Miller:

As you know, we represent The Dow Chemical Company ("Dow"). This letter confirms Dow's Request for a Conference under the Unilateral Administrative Order For Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study, CERCLA Docket No. 06-05-05 (the "Unilateral Order"), as I requested today by telephone call to Ms. Barbara A. Nann, Assistant Regional Counsel.

Pursuant to Paragraph 94 of the Unilateral Order, this letter is written confirmation of Dow's request for a conference to discuss the Unilateral Order. By making this request, Dow does not waive its ability to proceed with negotiations on the Administrative Order on Consent ("AOC") and the Statement of Work ("SOW") involving the referral of the Site to the VCP as requested by Governor Perry. Dow hereby reserves all of its rights to continue negotiations on the AOC and SOW, and does not concede that the investigation at the Site will proceed under the Unilateral Order.

Subject to the above reservations and statements, Dow is able to meet for the requested conference at 10 a.m. on June 30, 2005 as stated in Mr. Coleman's June 6, 2005 cover letter to Mr. Morriss.

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Very truly yours,

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